

Please do not take away my power to choose the services I use. I believe that when you start taking away peoples rights, any of our rights, it leads to the loss of all our rights. This may seem a little extreme to you now, but what happens in a few years when some one wants to take away my right to choose a grocery store? The HMO has already taken away my right to choose a doctor. You want to take away my right to choose my internet provider. I dont want to be stuck with a monopoly that doesn't care about customer service.. I am an individual with rights, rights that I was given the day I was born. Rights that I as an American Fought for in the Gulf War, not just for myself but for others. Rights that my grandfathers fought for. Rights that I am entitled to as an American. Rights that my children and future grandchildren should have protected for them for ever.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.